

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

GERALD D. SMITH,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	8:17CV278
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
FRED BRITTEN,	)	ORDER
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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This matter is before the court on its own motion. Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Filing No. 1) on July 31, 2017. However, Petitioner failed to include the \$5.00 filing fee. Petitioner has the choice of either submitting the \$5.00 fee to the clerk's office or submitting a request to proceed in forma pauperis. If Petitioner chooses to do the latter, the enclosed pauper's forms should be completed and returned to this court. Failure to take either action within 30 days will result in the court dismissing this case without further notice to Petitioner.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Petitioner is directed to submit the \$5.00 fee to the clerk's office or submit a request to proceed in forma pauperis within 30 days. Failure to take either action will result in dismissal of this matter without further notice.

2. The clerk of the court is directed to send to Petitioner the Form AO240 ("Application to Proceed Without Prepayment of Fees and Affidavit").

3. The clerk of the court is directed to set a pro se case management deadline in this matter with the following text: August 31, 2017: Check for MIFP or payment.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.

BY THE COURT:

*s/ Richard G. Kopf*  
Senior United States District Judge